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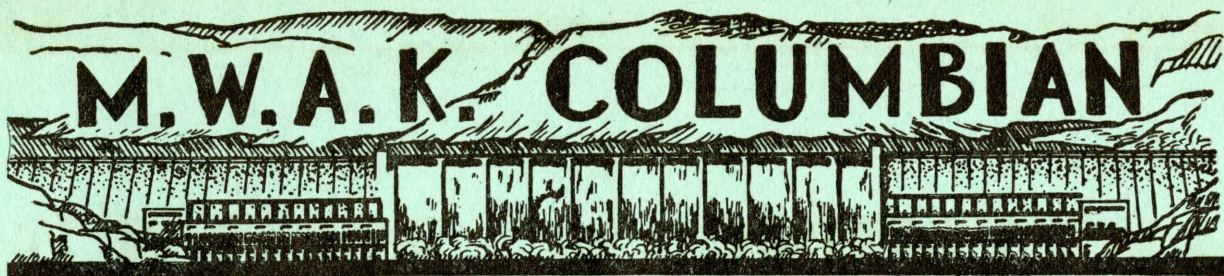
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SAFETY
DEPARTMENT

MASON-WALSH-ATKINSON-KIER CO.
BUILDERS OF COULEE DAM

MASON CITY
WASHINGTON

Vol. 3 No. 7

M. Pete Shrauger--Editor
Safety Engineer

February 19, 1937

LITTLE GRAINS OF SAND AND WATER — ACCOUNT FOR NEW TRESTLE AND TUNNEL

The cleavage of a little bit of water to a tiny particle of sand serves as one basis for this account. When the one particle of sand is considered in terms of millions it assumes its place of great importance. It is of enough concern that preparations are already under way below the Company screening plant for the addition of 335 feet of live storage tunnel for sand and a conveyor trestle 240 feet long and up to 80 feet high. What this means is that washed sand will have one full day of drainage when the two mixing plants are in operation. In the past the wet sand was in constant movement from the live storage pile to the westmix, just one mixing plant.

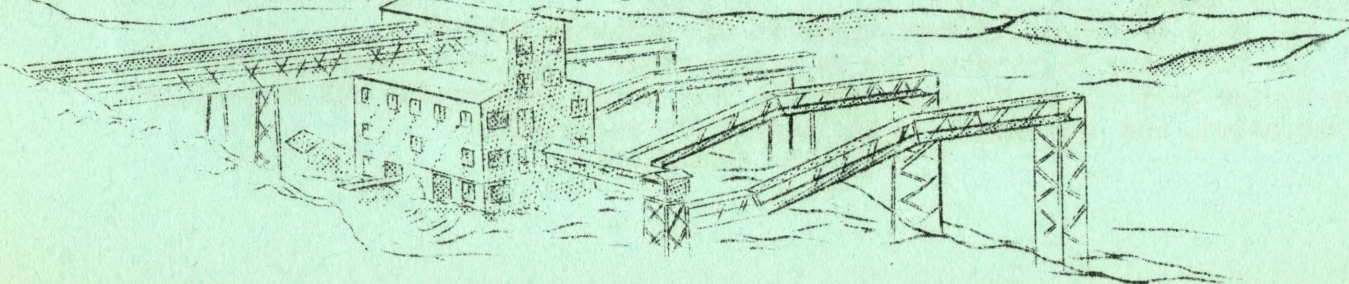
When sand comes from the screen plant, it is fractured into three sizes through suspension 4x20 mesh, 20x48 mesh and 48x100 mesh. Each different size is carried by a separate conveyor and dumped into one of three hillside drainage bins. The three sizes of sand are then moved over a reclaiming tunnel by a traveling dragline derrick. In the tunnel is a series of belt feeders with variable speed drives that deliver just the desired proportion of each size onto a belt conveyor. Correctly pro-

portioned, the sand is carried to two sand mixers which mix the sand and break up lumps that might have formed. It is here that the new trestle will have its beginning, to lead to the midway point of the tunnel. A reversible shuttle conveyor will dump to the tunnel underneath.

There is nothing especially new about the additions, but the old sand storage tunnel will no longer be used. The five air-operated, electrically interlocked and controlled gates for loading conveyors from storage will be moved to the new tunnel and will be spaced about 60 feet apart instead of 10. The new tunnel will mean about 30,000 concrete yards of live sand storage.

About 350 feet of the main conveyor have been moved out, the ground scene leveled off and some 3x12s in place. Lumber has been received for the laminated tunnel. Pieces will be cut in the panel yard. Pieces were pre-fabricated for the old tunnels. The sand storage tunnel will require 132,000 board feet.

The wood trestle will have four spans
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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

(Continued from bureau of reclamation pamphlet)

Diversion of the river and work on the 2 cross-channel cofferdams was started in October 1936, also placing of concrete near the east abutment. The center river channel excavation began in January 1937. Placing of concrete in the east two-thirds of the dam will be completed about September, 1937 and the entire work under the present contract (MTAK Co.) by the end of the year 1937. The first installation of generators will consist of 3 units.

Q. What construction work was necessary before operations were started at the dam site?

A. (1) The building of 32 miles of standard gauge railroad (by the United States) connecting with the Northern Pacific Railway line at Odair, near Coulee City. (2) Building 31 miles of 110,000 volt power transmission line by the contractor. (3) Reconditioning the State Highway from Coulee City to Grand Coulee by the State of Washington. (4) Building of a highway from the Grand Coulee to the dam site by the United States. (5) Building of a temporary wood trestle bridge across the Columbia River by the contractor.

Q. How much water will the reservoir in the Columbia River hold?

A. Approximately 10,000,000 acre-feet. An acre-foot is the amount of water that will cover one acre one foot deep or 43,560 cubic feet. The water in the reservoir would cover an area of 10,000,000 acres to a depth of one foot. This reservoir can be filled in two months with the average flow of the Columbia river. Columbia River is 5 times as large as the Colorado River. Water in the Columbia River reservoir would amount to nearly 2,000 gallons for every inhabitant on the earth, or about 25,000 gallons for every inhabitant of the United States.

Q. What is the area of the reservoir?

A. 82,000 acres, or 128 square miles.

Q. What is the length and width of the reservoir?

A. It is 151 miles in length from Grand Coulee to the Canadian border, the limit of the backwater. The reservoir extends up the Spokane River 32 miles. The width averages something over 4,000 feet.

Q. What is the elevation of the high-water line?

A. 1,292 feet above sea level. All lands below elevation 1,310 have been retained for reservoir purposes.

Q. How will the reservoir capacity be utilized?

A. The top 80 feet in depth, or something over 5,000,000 acre-feet, will be used for the regulation of the river for the benefit of power production, irrigation needs and improvement to navigation from The Dalles, Oregon to the Pacific Ocean.

Q. What are the silt conditions in the Columbia River?

A. The water is practically free from silt. Impurities causing turbidity during part of the flood season are very fine, practically all carried in suspension, and will not be deposited in the reservoir.

(To Be Continued)

FROM THE CRYSTAL BALL

A YEAR AGO

---BOB ARMSTRONG ambitious---
 ---MELVIN MITCHELL down into the snow again, and slightly marked---
 ---BOB KERR with several chickens on his hands (five pounders)---
 ---R.L. STAPLES, "Yowsah and yowsah, the mail and I always move on schedule."---
 ---IVAN CHAPMAN and LEN KOEPP and two hours of tugging and #?!*%* at a car and a snow-bound garage---
 ---MORT LEIDERER not in the pink of condition---
 ---MORSE NELSON playing Walter Winchell---
 ---FRANK SCHULTZ looking upward into the blue from an icy sidewalk---
 ---TED SWINDALL, great center (?), again working (?)-
 ---JACK MEEHAN: "Who's the boss of this household?"---
 ---DON NELSON swallowing (?) the Claypool-Jinks "Once upon a time I----"
 ---FRANK ELLIETHORPE back from that summer vacation in wintry California---
 ---HUGH COCHRAN, CHARLES THOMPSON & CO.: "Yeh, that's the way they killed them in Chicago."---
 ---A MAN SHOULD REALIZE HOW HARD IT WOULD BE FOR HIS FAMILY TO GET ALONG WITHOUT HIM---
 ---WARREN SINEX, the first Eagle scout in the district---
 ---BUD NASH, "I swear I should have seen a rabbit."---
 ---JOHN SMITH, in auto, "Gimme a periscope; I wanta look over that snow bank."---
 ---AL FULGHAM singing "Love Song of the Nile", listeners crying---
 ---JACK SMITH publicizing the welders---
 ---SISLY GRANDE and little brother Henry shouting, "I got to drive it; it's half mine!"---
 ---O. I. CRAFT and ED ARGERSINGER re-living the condition of being nervous wrecks in an automobile and snow and fog---
 ---JACK HARRIGAN braving the weather to see the family---
 ---JAMES McGRATH: "Two hours late--Where's the clock?--Who's bringing the rest of something to eat?"---
 ---MORE THAN 21,000 PEOPLE ARE KILLED BY FALLS EACH YEAR---
 ---AL GEIGER, SR. ill with pleurisy in the hospital---

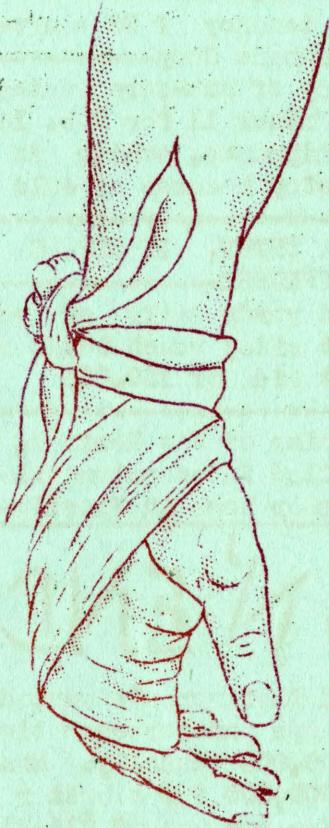
---Jack Hargrove, M.W.A.K. architect, leaves. Hargrove designed Mason City and sponsored its complete electrification---
 ---Drill test hole 286 feet into east bed-rock---
 ---Begin block 40 crib---
 ---Open bids for tenancy of 33 court-type buildings in Government Camp---
 ---Reach tenth day of sub-zero weather with low point a minus 11 for Feb. 14---
 ---Bulk cement shipments, coming in at 100 cars weekly, stop because of cold weather---
 ---INFECTION IS A THIEF. IT STEALS YOUR WAGES, HEALTH, HAPPINESS---
 ---Three thousand yards daily of rock move out from east side; reach total rock excavation on east side of 150,000 yards---
 ---Send last remains of Joe Renfree, Carpenter foreman killed in an automobile accident, to his former home in Florida---

ODDS N' ENDS

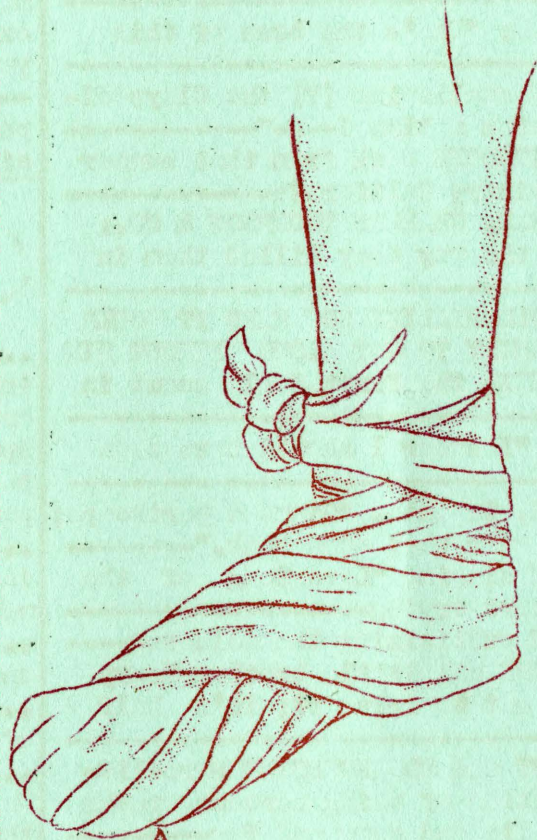
...It is estimated that women's expenditures in beauty shops and for cosmetics are around \$800,000,000 annually. Men spend about \$600,000,000 for a better appearance, an average per man of \$16.21, per woman \$22.28.....
 ...A European has a better chance of living to the age of 65 than the average American.....
 ...Pearls have been found growing in coconuts.....
 ...The federal government owns 90 per cent of Nevada but no territory in Texas.....
 ...Manuel Pinel motored from Seville to Madrid, Spain, in 1930 using olive oil as the only lubricant, with excellent results.
 ...According to an estimate of Jan. 1, 1934, there were 152,859,500 miles of telephone wire and 6,761,500 miles of telegraph wire in the world.....
 ...ACCIDENTS ARE NO RESPECTORS OF PURSE OR PERSONS.....
 ...Manchester, Ky., holds the title of the "toughest town on the face of the earth.".....



METHOD OF
APPLYING
TRIANGULAR
BANDAGE
TO FOOT



TRIANGULAR
BANDAGE
FOR HAND



FIRST AID INSTRUCTION

SAND

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each 60 feet long and will have five towers. Nearly 45,000 board feet will go into its construction.

While there is no longer anything new or amazing in the additions, their drainage work will be important. The sand is washed with other aggregate as it passes through the screen plant and is thoroughly soaked at the time of its classification. Unlike other aggregate, sand is not given to drain quickly. Fine sand can retain an amazing amount of water. Water forms a kind of film about sand particles and holds other sand particles away. Thus water affects not only the volume of sand but the weight; and being less porous than gravel it evaporates slowly.

The sand, however, does not retain a constant amount of water. When sand has not been draining long, that near the top would naturally be drier. In other words, the moisture content of sand as it was ready to be mixed to form concrete would vary.

Government requirements as to the amount of water in concrete must be strict because the minimum strength of concrete is expected to be 3800 pounds per square inch. Mixing conditions must be right to bring this about. If there is a variation of no more than 5 per cent in the amount of water in concrete, the quality of the concrete is seriously impaired and is even obviously impaired as it comes from a mixer. This makes apparent the advantage of assuring as much constancy in water content of concrete ingredients as possible.

Four bureau of reclamation inspectors check on the proper mix of concrete. They check by looking at the mix, by taking a conical slump, by cylindrical pressure and other means. A batcher operator can control the amount of water in the mix automatically. And so all concerned assure the production of proper concrete. However, the more constant the water content of aggregate entering the mix the greater the assurance that there would be no loss

in waste concrete, time and money. When two mixing plants would start emptying sand storage tunnels, the sand would be used so quickly under present arrangements that drainage would be inadequate.

To see that such is not the case is the purpose of the new tunnel and trestle.

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BULLETIN

--issued from the office of the superintendent

For the information of all concerned, this Company advises that it will not resume concrete work during the marginal period in which there is still danger of protracted cold weather. At this time it seems reasonable to predict resumption of concrete activities between March 5th and March 8th, 1937, but definite advices of actual reopening date will be given later through the press, by radio and by bulletin.

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WHAT MIGHT BE SAVED BY REDUCTION OF INFECTION?

The U. S. Bureau of Mines states that insurance companies pay from 40 to 60 per cent of their compensation for infected wounds.

The New York state department of labor found the average cost per case in accidents from handling sharp and rough objects was \$188. In the same class of injuries, those saved from infection by proper treatment cost, per case, \$93.

This is a saving of slightly better than 50 per cent.

Projecting these figures over other total compensation figures, industry can save, annually, more than \$50,000,000 in costs by eliminating infection.....

....and over 2,000,000 weeks of work!

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THE U. S. CIVIL SERVICE ANNOUNCES OPEN competitive examinations for BLACKSMITH-WELDER, RADIO INSPECTOR (\$2000 a year) and JUNIOR BILLING-BOOKKEEPING MACHINE OPERATOR (\$1440 a year). Applications must be on file in Seattle not later than Feb. 26. Inquire at Mason City post office.

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HOW NOT TO WALK ON YOUR EAR

Records show that today twice as many pedestrians are injured by merely falling down as are hit by motor cars. The country over, more than half a million persons are disabled each year as a result of slips and falls on streets and sidewalks.

And 1800 lives are lost annually by people who cannot keep their feet.

Such results were arrived at statistically by a vice president of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

Some of the victims may collect damages, he explained, but that doesn't compensate them for the pain, the waste of time, the loss of life involved in these silly little accidents which could be prevented by an ounce of foresight.

Other points stressed by the statistician are:::

Every fourth person injured in a street fall can blame it on snow and ice!

Sensible people wear rubbers or galoshes when the footing is bad and renew them when the "tread" is smooth.

Most of us have had at least one disastrous spill on an icy walk. Yet householders, knowing the danger, will often permit snow and ice to remain on their steps and sidewalks for days.

--On the basis that rubber necks often lead to wooden legs, it is much smarter to stop walking when you want to look.

--There is an amusing idea prevalent that a special Providence watches over drunks and children, and guides their steps when a fall is imminent. This may be true, the statistician said, as regards the children, but more than one-tenth the fatal falls on streets and sidewalks in one insurance company's experience were attributed to intoxication.

SUCH CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO ANY PLACE A PERSON WALKS; SO WATCH YOUR STEP!

STACKER GOES NORTH

Today becomes Sunday for this week, as far as earth excavation is concerned. Yesterday became Saturday, with its short shift.

As a result, the three-conveyor stacker at the end of the east conveyor stopped yesterday morning at 11 for a new location 45 degrees to the left, or 400 feet to the north.

Conveyors in the stacker include a boom of 175 feet, a telescope of 150 and extensible conveyor up to 500 feet, beginning at the discharge end of the main system. These constitute a total length of nearly three blocks.

The stacker feeds earth to the spoilbank

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POUR TRESTLE FOOTINGS

Footings for at least two more bents of the east side high trestle will be poured Monday if---

A dragline completes a little more cleanup and carpenters have footing forms ready.

This will pave the way for additional steel erection to the earth embankment of the former east cofferdam.

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AWAY FROM HOME FOR BOTH GAMES TUESDAY night, the USBR basketball squad topped Nespelen 40 to 30 and the Oilers suffered their third defeat of the year to the Wenatchee Men's store 34 to 40, with Collins and Heller missing from the lineup.

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THE FIRST NUMBER OF "BEAVER ECHOES" AS a 2-page weekly appears today. The sheet is the high school publication.

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THE SECOND ROCK CRUSHER FOR INSTALLATION at the gravel plant has arrived.

The new crusher will help take any possible over-supply of boulders when concrete pouring resumes at its highest pace.

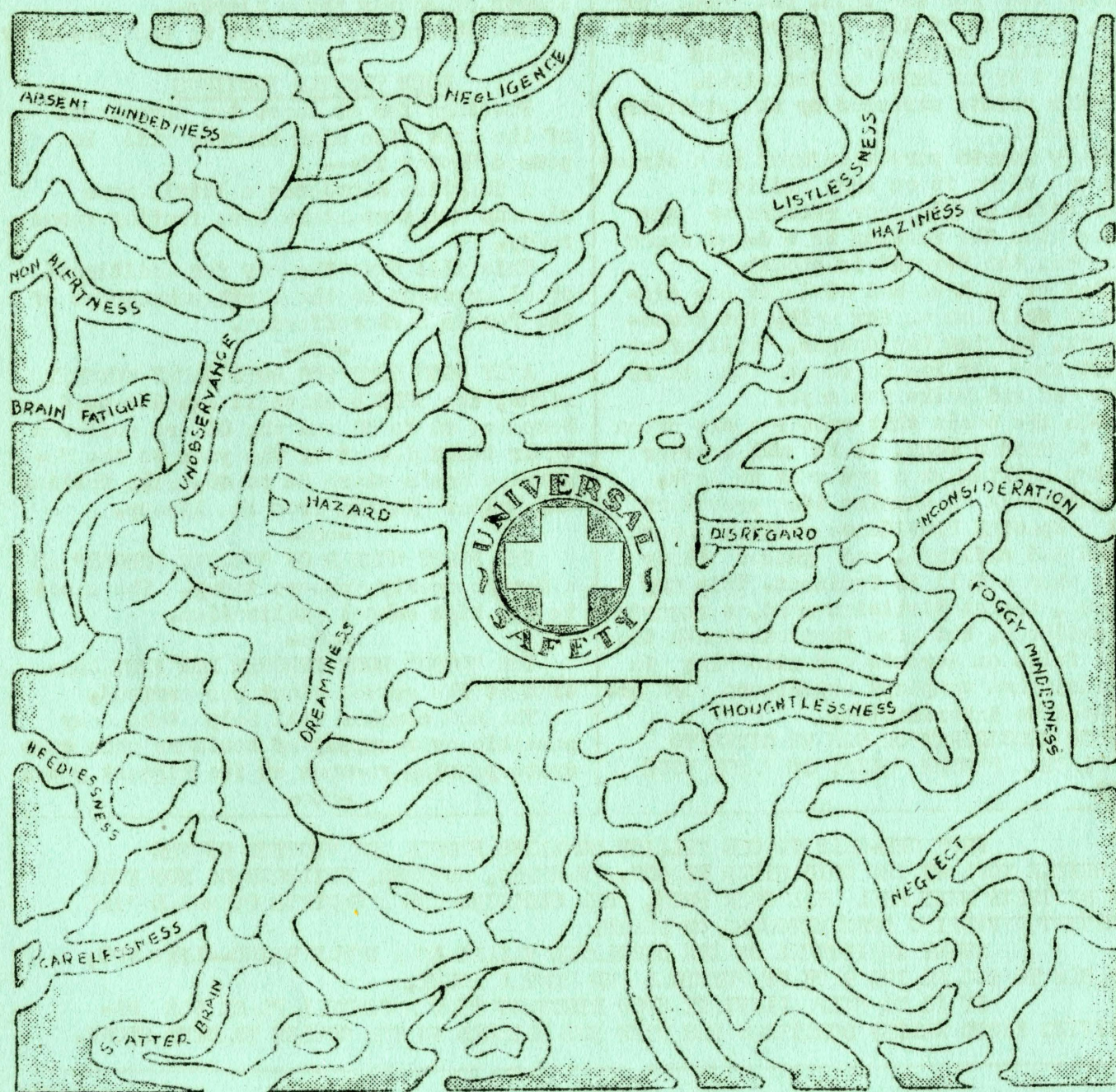
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FROM ONE-HALF TO ONE MILLION HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE VICTIMS OF THE TERRIBLE TOLL OF THE OHIO RIVER FLOODS. FATHERS, MOTHERS, CHILDREN DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEIR NEXT MEAL WILL COME FROM, WHEN CLOTHING AND A SHELTER OVERHEAD WILL PREVENT SUFFERING FROM EXPOSURE OR DEATH.

EVERY INDIVIDUAL OF THE DESOLATED VALLEY IS A HUMAN BEING--LIKE YOU, UNABLE TO ESCAPE THE RACK OF PHYSICAL AND MENTAL AGONY.

IT IS TO HELP ALLEVIATE SUCH DISTRESS THAT A CENTRAL PLACE FOR RECEIVING FLOOD RELIEF DONATIONS HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE COULEE TRADING STORE.

DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO SAFETY?



FIND THE RIGHT PATH AND FOLLOW IT

CHURCH

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Father A. Farrolly, pastor

On Sunday, Feb. 21, mass will be said in St. Benedict's church, Mason City, at 9 a.m. and at 11 a.m. in Grand Coulee. Instructions for children will be given Saturday at 10 a.m.

During Lent special services are being held in St. Benedict's church every Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 p.m. On Wednesdays the services consist of Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Benediction. On week days during Lent mass is said at 7:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY CHURCH—The Rev. W. V. Sloan, Ph. D., pastor

9:45 a.m. Church school.
11:00 a.m. Morning worship; subject, "I Will Follow Thee, But—"
11:00 a.m. Junior church.
7:00 p.m. Second of a series of Lenten discussions, also junior and senior high meetings.
7:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY, worship service in the church chapel, followed at 8:00 in the church parlor with a meeting on "The World's Other Religion."

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS (Mason City high school building)

10:30 a.m. Opening Exercises.
11:15 a.m. Department works:
Gospel Doctrine: Adults
Church history: Juniors
Primary.

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THEY SAID HIS TIRES
WOULD NOT SKID.

A TOMBSTONE PROVES
THEY WOULD AND DID!

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THE MEAK'S ROD LOCOMOTIVE is expected back from Spokane this week after a complete overhauling.

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SPORTS

LAST TRAVELING TEAM---

HOUSE OF DAVID

vs.

USBR

and

Nespolen

vs.

C.C.C.

Tuesday

Feb. 23

7:15 p.m.

Government Gym

Admission 25 & 50¢

The House of David, strong competitors in fun making and basketball with the Harlem Globe Trotters, feature the "tallest center in basketball", six feet eleven inches tall.

The Davidites will be the last touring team to play here in the area. The All American Redheads, girls' team, are not to play the USBR, as once planned.

THE MEAK OILERS, WHO WILL LEAVE Monday for the A.A.U. tournament in Spokane, will present a game free to the public Saturday night at 8 with Almira here on the local court.

The Oilers took their 14th win of the season from Almira last Saturday night 48 to 24. They met with two defeats.

THE USBR STOPPED THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS from Venatchee here last Saturday 39

to 30, while the Engineerettes lost to the Wilbur girls in the preliminary game.

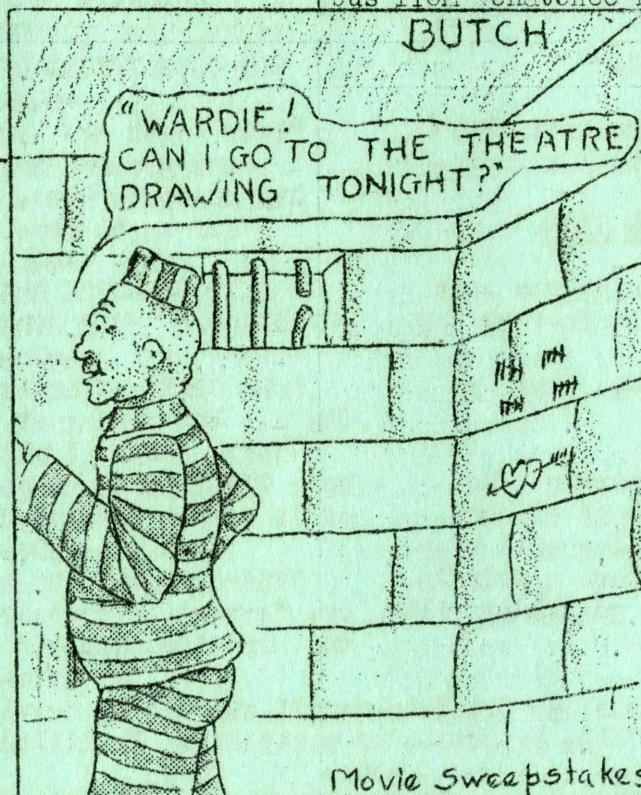
The high school won over Hartline last Friday 20 to 14. The locals play Wilbur away from home tomorrow.

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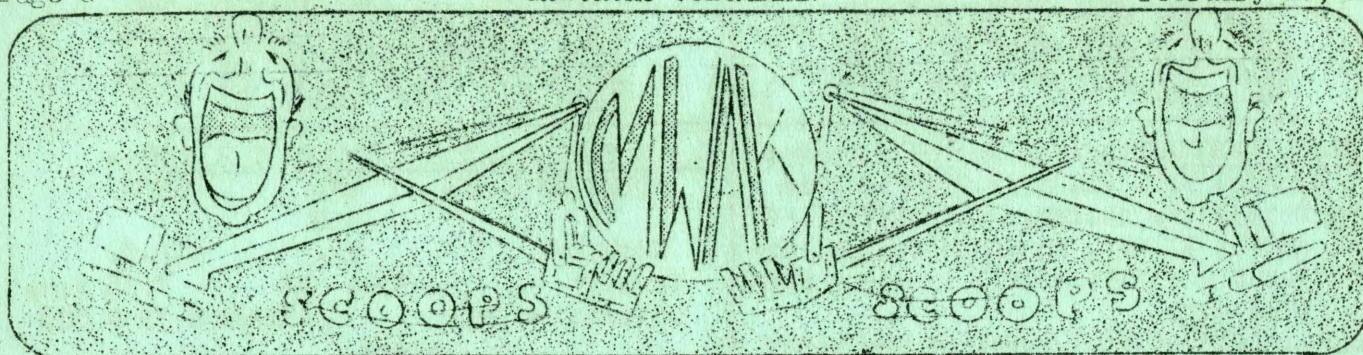
PRESERVE YOUR LIFE
BY CANNING CARELESS
HABITS.

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TO FIT THE CURVED surface of concrete for the beginning of the block 40 crib, 1133 separate pieces of timber had to be cut on a 50-foot radius.



Movie Sweepstakes



The workmen during lunch hour were just supposing.

"Suppose," said one, "a man working on the river bank without a kapok jacket suddenly fell in. He could not swim and would be in danger of drowning. Picture the scene: the man's sudden fall--the cry for help. His wife knows his peril and, hearing his screams, rushes immediately to the bank. Why does she rush to the bank?"

Came the answer unhesitatingly: "To draw his insurance money."

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THE REDUCING EXPERTS ARE LIVING OFF THE FAT OF THE LAND.

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Last Saturday night---

"They arrested that dancer for no cause at all?"

"No, for no gauze at all."

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"She attracts the men, doesn't she?"

"Yes, her father is a steel magnate."

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SAFETY HAS NO QUITTING TIME.

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"Is this the laundry? Well, you sent me half a dozen handkerchiefs instead of my shirt.

"Them ain't handkerchiefs. That is your shirt."

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CLASSIFIED AD: "If the person who stole the jar of alcohol out of my cellar will keep sand and return grandma's appendix, no questions will be asked."

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Did you hear about the man who tried to commit suicide by driving his car full speed into a brick wall? Well, he succeeded partially. He killed his engine.

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Marriage is very much like a car. It is much more enjoyable when it reaches the point when a little scratch doesn't matter.

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Just wishing is a waste of energy. It accomplishes nothing, takes your mind off

"We must be getting near a town; we're hitting more people."

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(Names withheld)

"I wish to marry your daughter, sir."

"Do you drink, young man?"

"Thanks a lot, but let's settle this other thing first."

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A SCOTCHMAN PREFERS BLONDES BECAUSE OF THE LIGHT OVERHEAD.

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And then there's the one told about the expectant father who, after hours pacing the maternity ward corridor, exclaimed "Thank heavens; it's a girl. I'd never want a son to go through what I have."

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HIGH HEELS, MELVIN MITCHELL DECIDED, WERE INVENTED BY A WOMAN WHO HAD BEEN KISSED ON THE FOREHEAD.

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"Your teeth are like the stars," he said
And pressed her hand, so white,
And he spoke true, for, like the stars,
Her teeth came out at night.

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SAFETY PROMOTES HEALTH, WEALTH AND HAPPINESS. WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT.

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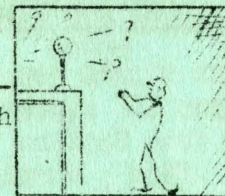
EARL COLE: "That's the matter, sonny? Why all the bandages? Cut your hand?"

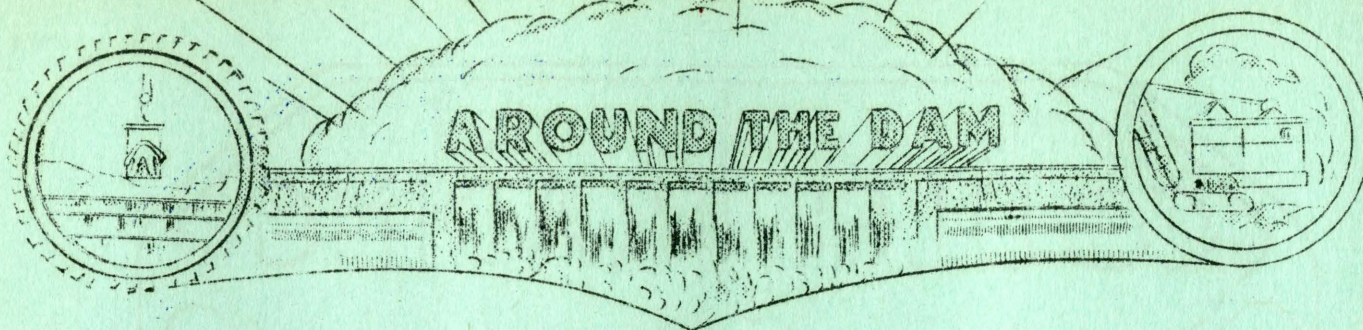
Boy: "Nope. I picked up a little bee and one end of it wasn't insulated."

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"Judge," said the prisoner, "give me a sentence with the word 'freedom' in it."

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EXPOSE RIVER ROCK

After the removal of 40 feet of earth from the river area, numerous spots of bedrock appear. This, however, does not mean that river excavation is near completion, because the general level of excavation is above bedrock reached at the present time. Approximately 300,000 yards have moved out. About 800,000 remain in the river area. Bedrock has appeared between levels 875 and 880.

Bedrock exposed at the location for feeder 4 is believed to be the west edge of a crevice 40 feet deep.

A plan of excavation now is to use shovels to bring dirt down to within several feet of bedrock, beginning from the big cut in the east cofferdam berm, then to clean up the job with draglines.

The average daily excavation for the past two weeks is 18,000 yards. The high point was reached Feb. 9 with 24,750 yards.

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BORN at the Mason City hospital-----
Feb. 12 (Lincoln's birthday) to Mr. and
Mrs. M. P. Anderson of Mason City.

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LOOKING NEARLY NEW, THE MWAK'S RCD ENGINE locomotive left Spokane for the dam site Wednesday morning, after being overhauled.

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TODAY A TAX REPRESENTATIVE WILL ASSIST IN PREPARING INCOME TAX RETURNS AT THE MAIN OFFICE.

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EMPLOYEES ACTUALLY WORKING LAST TUESDAY numbered 1518. This is approximately the same as one week ago.

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BOX SOCIAL

EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND a box social and program sponsored by the Ladies Aid next Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Community church.

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SOME WIND!

Twenty-five Company telephones became temporarily useless as the result of the lashing chinook of Wednesday morning that bared snow-covered ground for rivulets. The conveyor, warehouse and pick-up service were among the first direct sufferers of the wind on telephone wires. The burning out of a terminal helped stop service over many other wires.

The wind was strong-enough to move the belting of the suspension bridge off its rollers.

Although credited with being the strongest wind for nearly a year, there is no means in the area for correctly measuring the velocity of the gale.

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MASON CITY THEATRE STEEPSTAKES WINNERS
Mrs. C. H. Gaut (\$60), Mabel Carlsen (\$63),
Mrs. R.G. Sinx (\$30).

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TO INTENTIONALLY STARTLE A NERVOUS PERSON WHILE AT WORK IS MORE THAN A DIRTY TRICK-----IT IS CRIMINAL.

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THE BLOCK 39 CRIB IS COMPLETED. THE last gravel was dumped Monday to bring the fill up to the 1000-foot level. About 30,000 yards have gone into the -39 crib.

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SOME TIME THIS WEEK W. E. KIER, OF THE board of the MWAK, will assume the presidency of the San Diego (Calif.) Natural History museum, according to word received here.

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AN AMERICAN WHIRLEY FROM EACH OF THE cross-river cofferdams now rests dismantled near the east low trestle. After being cleaned, the whirleys will be placed on the low trestle.

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FILLING OF CRIBS TO THEIR FINAL HEIGHT is under way for the downriver cofferdam.

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